

TO URGE THE CULLOM BILL

Meeting of Commercial Bodies
Discusses the Matter.

MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS.

Concerted Effort to Be Made for the Early Enactment of the Measure—Present Interstate Commerce Law Held to Be Inadequate—Send Delegates to Washington.

St. Louis, Nov. 21.—Delegates representing 37 commercial and industrial organizations, national and local, called together to take action looking to the passage of senate bill No. 1439, better known as Cullom's bill, to amend the interstate commerce law, yesterday adopted a memorial to congress, urging its early enactment.

Resolutions were also adopted providing that an executive committee of five members be appointed by the chair with full power to take such action as it may deem best to carry out the purposes of this convention. The resolutions also recommended that each body represented in the convention send one or more delegates to Washington, upon the reassembling of congress, for the purpose of exerting their personal influence and secure the co-operation of the senators and representatives from their respective states in the early enactment of the Cullom bill.

Secretary Berry, speaking of the purpose of the meeting, said:

The action of the convention will be simply in the line of giving evidence to congress of the strong demand throughout the country for the passage of the Cullom bill, and to arrange for a delegation to go to Washington to labor in the interest of the bill. The opposition to the new measure on the part of the railroads is due to the fact that they realize that the interstate commerce law, in its present form, is important—the findings of the commission cannot be put in force. There is another reason for the passage of the Cullom bill at this session. If it goes over there is a possibility of the repeal of the existing law, owing to its unsatisfactory working in its present condition. And if it is repealed an impetus will be given to the theory of government ownership, which is gaining friends under the present unsatisfactory law.

We all realize that there must be government control of common carriers, but government ownership is another thing. Sentiment all over the country is overwhelmingly in favor of the proposed amendments, among shippers and broad-gauged railroad men as well.

Irrigation Congress.

Chicago, Nov. 21.—Arrivals here of delegates to the ninth annual session of the national irrigation congress indicate, according to the promoters of the gathering, that when the session is called to order, there will be a representation of nearly 1,000. The congress will open its deliberations by listening to an address of welcome by Mayor Harrison, which will be responded to by Elwood Mead and George Maxwell. A direct result of the convention will be a memorial to congress asking for a \$250,000 appropriation for surveys of arid lands and praying that the work be taken up immediately by congress along the lines suggested by reports of government engineers now in the field.

Grain Dealers in Session.

Indianapolis, Nov. 21.—At the opening session of the Grain Dealers' National association yesterday 125 delegates were present, representing all of the states and territories of the United States. Secretary-Treasurer Charles S. Clark strongly advocated the removal of the documentary tax in so far as it affects the farmer and grain dealer. Legislation on the removal of the documentary tax, the car shortage problem and the reorganization of the association are the principal subjects to be handled at this meeting.

Name Oct. 10 as Grange Day.

Washington, Nov. 21.—At the night session of the national grange the committee on transportation made a report endorsing the Cullom bill for the amendment of the interstate commerce act and also urged the construction of a waterway from the great lakes to the ocean. The committee on foreign relations recommended the government inspection of dairy products for export and deplored the warlike feeling among the nations. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the Buffalo exposition and appointing Oct. 10 as national grange day.

Camp Bird Mine Not Sold.

Denver, Nov. 21.—The sale of the great Camp Bird mine at Ouray to an English syndicate is off. "The property will not be sold," said the owner, Thomas F. Walsh, who has just arrived here from Paris. "Had the prospective buyers been ready to pay over \$7,000,000 cash when the deal was first talked of it is possible the mine would have passed into their possession. Now I have decided to retain possession of the mine."

Sustains the Ice Trust.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 21.—The appellate division of the supreme court yesterday decided to allow the alternate writ of prohibition asked by Charles Morse, president of the American Ice company, to restrain the attorney general from compelling the company's directors and officers to appear before the referee appointed to take testimony as to the allegation that the company constituted a trust in violation of the state law.

Dairy and Food Convention.

Milwaukee, Nov. 21.—The fourth annual convention of the National Association of State Dairy and Food departments of the United States began here yesterday. Various subjects pertaining to dairy and food products will be treated during the convention.

VON BUELOW'S PLAIN TALK.

Germany Disclaims All Responsibility for Trouble in China.

Berlin, Nov. 20.—In the reichstag yesterday, on the occasion of the presentation of the supplementary credit for China, Count von Buelow, the imperial chancellor, emphatically denied the assertion frequently made abroad that the China imbroglio was traceable to the German occupation of Kiao Chau. He declared Germany will compel atonement for Chinese misdeeds, but will oppose segregation of the empire to powers, and intimated that by dispatching troops to the orient the government had not impaired readiness for battle nearer home.

London, Nov. 20.—All the morning papers approve the statement of Count von Buelow in the reichstag yesterday. The Times says, editorially: "We may regard it as proving that the powers have no intention to recede from their original demands, including the execution of the ringleaders."

General Von Gossler's Statement.

Berlin, Nov. 20.—Replying to Herr Rebel and defending Emperor William, General von Gossler, minister of war, made this extraordinary statement in the reichstag: "What our troops are now doing in China is merely retaliation for what the Huns did to us for centuries." This declaration was loudly applauded by the Right, but excited merriment in other sections of the chamber.

ALL SAVE ONE PERISH.

Turks Caught by Storm on Black Sea Pitch Women into the Sea, but Are Themselves Drowned.

Odessa, Nov. 20.—A party of 38 Turks wishing to leave Russia secretly sailed at the dead of night from Tschuruksu to cross the Black sea. A storm arose and the boat filled. First the baggage was thrown overboard. Then the children and finally the women were committed to the sea, but this did not prevent the vessel from foundering, and all perished save one lad, who clung to the mast and was washed ashore.

MISS GAST IN THE LEAD.

Women Cyclists Begin a Six-Day Contest in Brooklyn.

New York, Nov. 20.—At the conclusion of the fourth hour of the women's six-day bicycle race at the Clermont Avenue rink, in Brooklyn, last night, Miss Marguerite Gast of Brooklyn held the lead, with 83 miles and 15 laps to her credit. Seven of the eight women who entered held the track. Miss Gast was closely pursued by Miss Lottie Brandon of Canada, who was only two laps behind. These two fought hard for the lead and there was continuous excitement during their sprints. The racing is to continue from 2:30 to 4:30 each afternoon and from 8:30 to 10:30 in the evening. During the last hour Miss Marie Davis had a fall, but she remounted her wheel quickly and lost but little distance.

May Bring Charges Against Devery.

New York, Nov. 20.—The board of police commissioners ordered charges preferred against Inspector Adam A. Cross and Captain John B. Herlihy and practically turned them over to the mercy of their accusers. At headquarters it was intimated that charges of as serious a nature as those against Inspector Cross may also be brought against Chief Devery. The latter has refused to remove Cross or Herlihy from duty pending the hearing of the charges against them, and in doing this he has incurred the displeasure of President York.

Working for a Ship Channel.

Chicago, Nov. 20.—The executive committee of the Illinois Valley association met here yesterday and the result of their deliberations will be pressure upon congress to construct a 14-foot ship channel between Chicago and St. Louis, by way of the drainage canal. A sub-committee of the executive committee will go to Washington this winter and will urge the interstate project upon the short session of congress.

Bernhardt and Coquelin Arrive.

New York, Nov. 21.—Mme. Sarah Bernhardt and M. Constant Coquelin and their large company of actors arrived here yesterday. The vessel had a rough trip, meeting heavy seas all the way across. Mme. Bernhardt, who looked to be in the best of health, said she was glad to revisit this country, as she expects to write a great deal of America in her memoirs, which she is now preparing. The actress denied that Rostand was insane and asserted that the stories to that effect had been circulated by the author's enemies.

Blanket of White Covers West.

St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 21.—A heavy snowstorm set in last night. Most of the earlier fall melted rapidly, but the temperature soon dropped and three inches of white covered the earth throughout the west, resulting in great benefit to winter wheat and rye.

Penn Defeats Drake.

Oskaloosa, Ia., Nov. 20.—Penn college won the Penn-Drake football game here yesterday, 6 to 5.

Try to Lynch Negro.

Chicago, Nov. 21.—A mob composed of women and men defied drawn revolvers and fought with 20 policemen last night in an attempt to lynch Harry Evans, a colored man arrested on a charge of assaulting 7-year-old Freda Guendal. After a fierce struggle, in which a score of people were more or less injured, the police succeeded in dispersing the mob and landed Evans safely in jail.

THUNDER AGAINST POPE.

Methodist Missions Conference
Attacks Church of Rome.

BISHOPS IN WAR TEMPER.

Goodell Strikes the Note of Opposition and Rev. Dr. Drees Talks Even More Rabidly—Throws Down the Gauntlet to Roman Catholics.

New York, Nov. 20.—Two fierce onslaughts on the church of Rome enlivened the proceedings at yesterday's session of the general missionary committee. On each occasion an audience which filled every part of the large auditorium in St. Paul's M. E. church, where the committee is meeting, broke into applause and no effort was made by the chair to check these demonstrations of approval.

The general committee, which is composed of all the bishops and leading divines in the Methodist church of America, has been in session daily since Wednesday last. Upon several occasions, however, when reference has been made to anything pertaining to the Roman Catholic church, the same spirit of defiance has been apparent. Upon no former occasion, however, has that church been denounced in terms so unqualified, nor has the approval of the audience been given in so vigorous applause.

The first person to advance to the attack was Bishop Goodell of Tennessee. In the course of an address on the work of the Methodist Episcopal church in Italy, he said: "The work is slow, but its value has been recently testified to by the pontiff himself, who has honored us by excommunicating every one, teachers and pupils alike, connected with our institutions of learning. This, however, has made us more determined to wipe out a system which has created out of the former man of empire a cringing beggar, with a monkey and a grind organ."

The applause which greeted this rally was deafening. The next speaker threw the gauntlet to the church of Rome in terms as direct and condemnatory as did Bishop Goodell. This was Rev. Dr. C. W. Drees, who for a number of years has been identified with the work of the M. E. church in South America. He said:

"The time is upon us when anew the questions which appeared in the Protestant Reformation will begin to agitate the world and demand to be pushed to their final issue. After slumbering for four centuries these self-same questions were awakened through the last act of infamy of the pontiff in declaring himself infallible. Within 24 hours after that blasphemous declaration had been written on the triple crown of Rome, the Prussian armies invaded Catholic France. Forty-five days later the battle of Sedan was fought with Protestant Prussia the victor, and 20 days had only elapsed when the united armies entered the 'Holy City,' where the pope held sway everywhere, but now both that church and the Spanish domination have fallen off their high pedestals. When Spain is arraigned the Roman Catholic church should be arraigned with that power as co-respondent. Ever since Isabella signed away the liberty of Spain to the pope, there has been an illegitimate alliance between statecraft and priestcraft against human liberty and human progress."

Swayze in South America.

Kansas City, Nov. 20.—Edward L. Swayze, who fled from Kansas City four months ago after obtaining a large sum of money from banks throughout the country by means of duplicate cattle mortgages, is being followed closely by detectives in South America. The local attorney for the Cattlemen's Protective association, which is prosecuting the search, stated yesterday that Swayze will be arrested and brought back here if he enters a country where the extradition laws would not interfere with his being taken. It appears that Swayze went direct to Montevideo from Kansas City.

Decision in Cigarette Case.

Washington, Nov. 20.—The United States supreme court yesterday rendered an opinion in the case of William B. Austin vs. the state of Tennessee, involving the validity of the state law regulating the sale of cigarettes. The law was attacked as an infringement of the right of congress to regulate interstate commerce. The Tennessee supreme court upheld the law, and the decision sustained that verdict, though not without disapproval of some of the positions taken, and then upon a very narrow margin, four out of nine members joining in a dissenting opinion.

Fremont Man Drops Dead.

Sioux City, Nov. 20.—Thomas Dillon, aged 72, of Fremont, Neb., dropped dead of heart disease yesterday afternoon in the law office of Sullivan & Griffin. Dillon was visiting his daughter here and had gone to the law office to have a pension paper executed.

Harris & Company Assign.

New York, Nov. 20.—Harris & Co., general brokers and commission men at 52 Broadway, made an assignment yesterday with preferences to an attorney, who said the liabilities are estimated at \$30,000 and the assets at \$18,000.

Will Try to Capture Aguinaldo.

Manila, Nov. 21.—General Macabos, the former Filipino chief, is prepared to start in pursuit of Aguinaldo with 100 picked natives, supported by American troops. Other ex-rebels will be used in campaigning in the country. Their offers have not been formally made yet, but they are ready if the authorities will accept their services. Aguinaldo, it is supposed, is in northern Luzon, according to statements made by ex-rebel leaders now in Manila, confirmed from other sources.

ROBBERS SECURE NO BOOTY

Held Citizens of Ashley at Day While They Wreck Bank With Dynamite.

Delaware, O., Nov. 21.—A dozen professional bank robbers made a desperate attempt to secure the contents of the money vault of Sperry & Warner's deposit bank, at Ashley, ten miles north of here, before daylight. While nine stood on guard, holding the citizens at bay with their guns, three exploded dynamite under the deposit vault of the brick building.

The bank's property is worth \$50,000 and there was \$15,000 in cash deposited. Four attempts were made to get at the cash, but the side door held to its combination, while the guards outside were shooting at the citizens, who pressed closely in upon them.

The robbers stole a horse and spring wagon from Alvin Sterill and a black team and a new surrey from Edward Osborne, farmers nearby. The rig lay in wait in front of the bank for flight. Sterill's horse ran away, demolishing the vehicle, when the men took across the country on foot. The damage to the building is about half its value.

BLOWN TO PIECES.

Dynamite Explosion in Elmore's Grading Camp at Sherman Hill Cut-Off Kills Two Men and Injures Several.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 21.—George Sanders and Pat McCue were killed and a number of other men seriously injured by the explosion of dynamite at Elmore's grading camp on the Sherman hill cut-off of the Union Pacific yesterday. None of the injured will die.

Sanders and McCue were thawing sticks of dynamite around a camp fire, when the stuff exploded. Sanders was blown to pieces and bits of his flesh were scattered in all directions. McCue's face was torn away and he received internal injuries. The explosion tore a big hole in the ground and flying rocks did great damage. A narrow gauge engine and several cars, which were standing on a side track near the campfire, were demolished and the engineer and fireman slightly hurt. A score of laborers were standing around the camp at the time of the explosion and it is a miracle all were not killed. Their injuries consist principally of broken arms and legs and bruises where the flying pieces of rock struck them.

MORTGAGEE'S CLAIM BEST.

Important Cattle Suit Decided by St. Louis Federal Court.

St. Louis, Nov. 20.—A decision of the first importance to live stock commission firms and cattlemen generally was handed down yesterday by the United States circuit court of appeals in the case of Evans, Snider, Buel & Co. vs. W. P. McFadden et al. A large per cent of the cattle business carried on in the southwest is done by money loaned to cattlemen by commission firms in St. Louis, Kansas City and Chicago, which is secured by mortgages upon live stock purchased.

The decision sets forth clearly the rights of the mortgagee in transactions of this kind, as compared with owners of old claims or judgments against the mortgagee.

The record in the case shows that in June, 1896, the Evans, Snider, Buel Co. advanced John P. Blocker of Bexar, Tex., \$130,000, and took two deeds of trust, covering 6,775 head of cattle in pasture near Muskogee, I. T. In June, 1896, William McFadden & Son commenced suit by attachment against Blocker for judgment for \$55,875, which the attaching creditors had recovered against Blocker in Jefferson county, Texas, in May, 1887. In July, 1896, the Evans, Snider, Buel Co. gave bond as interpleader for \$150,000, and retained possession of the cattle. In January, 1897, judgment by default was rendered against Blocker. Subsequently the issue arising on the interpleader was twice tried and resulted in each case in a verdict in favor of the interpleader, which judgments were, however, reversed on appeal by the Indian Territory appellate court. The majority decision by Judge Thayer says: "We prefer to rest our decision on the ground that the act of congress operated to validate the interpleaders' mortgage."

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Rear Admiral Roger N. Stembel, retired, died from pneumonia Tuesday in New York.

Chicago to Dawson City in eight and a half days is what a combination of transportation companies promises the public by the middle of next summer. Three men entered the jewelry store of John J. Hubbard in Baltimore Tuesday, assaulted the proprietor, left him for dead, and looted the place of its contents.

Within a month trains will be running over the Great Northern railway to Puget sound through Cascade tunnel, on which work was started two years ago.

Heavy winds and rough seas on the Atlantic are undoubtedly the cause of the delay of a fleet of trans-Atlantic liners due in New York from different European points.

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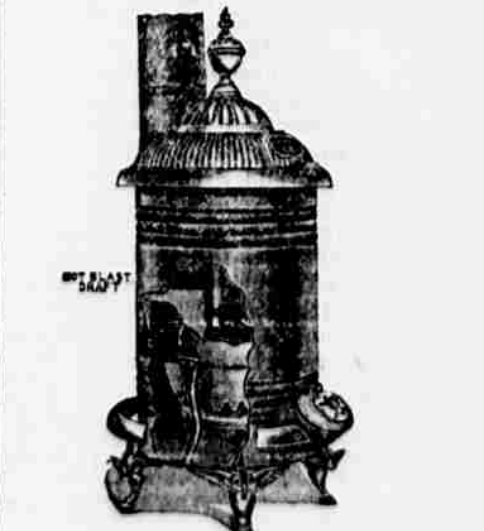
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